29th November 1928]

Report of the Director of Industries on grazing areas in Cuddapah district.

*815 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to place on the table the report of the Director of Industries in regard to grazing areas for sheep and goats in Cuddapah district referred to in his answer to question No. 272, dated 8th September 1928?

A.—Question No. 272 answered on 8th September 1928 refers to grazing in the Bellary district not in the Cuddapah district.

The Director of Industries report [a] is placed on the table.

Excise

Number of toddy and arrack shops in Anantapur district.

*816 Q.—Mr. C. Obi Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of toddy and arrack shops in the district of Anantapur, talukwar;

(b) the number of villages in which both toddy and arrack shops co-exist;

(c) what is the number of toddy and arrack shops in the district this year and what was their number in the three years just previous to this year; and

(d) what is the excise revenue this year in each of the taluks in the district from toddy and arrack shops respectively; and what was it in the three years just previous to the current year?

A.—(a) to (d) The hon. Member is referred to Imperial Return No. III of the Excise Administration Reports for 1925-26, 1926-27 and 1927-28 (which have been published) in regard to the number of toddy and arrack shops in the Anantapur district during the last three years. The Government have not the information on the other points referred to in the questions and have called for a report.

Work done by excise advisory committees in Anantapur district.

*817 Q.—Mr. C. Obi Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of local excise advisory committees in the district of Anantapur and the territorial jurisdiction of each;

(b) the names of the members in each of the committees;

(c) whether proposals for the opening of new shops (toddy and arrack) or for the removal of existing shops are to be placed before the said committees for their deliberation and opinion before new shops are opened and existing shops are removed;

(d) whether the said local advisory committees were consulted by the Government before the new arrack or toddy shops, if any, were opened this year; and

(e) whether during last year any shops were closed by the Government on the recommendation of the local advisory committees, and if so, how many?

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 525 infra.